BORROW FUNDS FOR AUDITORIUM

City Hall Site Determined On. Will Cost \$65,000-Work to Progress.

After endless delays, the new auditorium is to be constructed near the city hall. Architectural plans have been drawn up by Jones & Bearden, architects of this city, and these plans are now with

and these plans are now with Commissioner Herron.

The erection is provived for definitely by a bond issue of \$30,-000 which Mayor Littleton was authorized to float at Tuesday's commission meeting.

This \$30,000 was borrowed at 51-2 per cent, payable in five years or 'ess. This indefiniteness in the length of the loan was stipulated in order that the city might sell the old auditorium lot on Ninth street and the funds be immediately applied on the debt.

The entire cost of the new auditorium will be \$65,000. The city has on hand \$25,000 as insurance from the burning of the old auditorium. The sale of city bonds for \$30,000 will bring the total to \$55,000. The remaining \$10,000 will probably be contributed by the federal government, as one use the federal government, as one use of the new auditorium will be to entertain soldiers from Oglethorpe.

Special Meeting of Rotary **Club Called for Tonight**

A special meeting of the Rotary club, is called for tonight at 7:30 o'clock sharp, in the Red Cross work room, third floor, Southern Express, Market street building, to discuss in the most practical way possible why the Rotary club has not done as much as it could do in answering one of the most important and at the same time easiest calls put upon it in re-

Survey City to Learn What Street Signs Are Needed

At Tuesday's commission meeting Commissioner Ed Bass was directed to survey the streets in order to ascertain the number of street signs necessary

in Chattanooga. Commissioner H. D. Huffaker reported the donation of a \$50 liberty bond by the school children of the First District school, which will be used for school equipment.

Commissioner Betterton reported complaints regarding charges on freight and baggage and referred the same to City Attorney Frank Carden, as to recourse and final fixation of

The Hebrew school requested the use of the Second District school while their own building was being repaired. This was granted. Com-missioner Herron was authorized to put in two new rooms in the basement of the city hall for the use of the mili-

A letter was submitted to the board its author. from the Chattanooga Gas company Mrs. Harper prides herself on being hurrying across the ocean every few defending their persistence in placing excessive pressure in their gas mains and overrunning the meters. Commissioner Herron stated that he would force the gas company to reduce their pressure to franchise limits. This position was indorsed by the board. gas pressure today is 51-2 inches, which is just one-half an inch above franchise, and is just onehalf an inch too strong a pressure for the gas appliances for the users in the city, and is half an inch waste during Hoover's nation-wide appeal for economy and victory over the Huns.

KEYSTONE LODGE. K. OF P., DOES ITS BIT

At a regular meeting of the Keystone lodge, K. of P., held Tuesday night, a check for \$20, or 2 per cent. of their second liberty lean, was reported to have been received. The amount, together with \$35 more subscribed, was immediately turned over to the Red Cross fund.

After the K. of P. meeting, a meeting of the Knights of Khorassan was held, and it was announced that \$100 had been taken out of the treasury It was announced that H. B. Davis, a member of the lodge, would auction off merchandise in the building adjoining the place on Market street. The proceeds will be donated to the Red



BENNETT & RICHARDS JOHNNY ECKERT & CO. A Trio of Clever Entertainers THE MONKEY HIPPODROME

One of Vaudeville's Most Novel Animal Comedy Offerings Also Two Other Big Keith Acts



VIOLA DANA "BLUE JEANS"

A tremendous screen drama that eclipses the best the stage has ever done. A Metro Wonderplay,

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DOROTHY DALTON "TYRANT FEAR" A Paramount Picture.

SUPERBA PHOTOPLAYS

ROY STEWART, In A Triangle Play,

FATTY ARBUCKLE in MOONSHINE"

FILL THE POCKETBOOK



Latest News in World of Books

BY FRANCES FORT BROWN

"Runaway Russia." By Florence MacLeod Harper; The Century Co.

Mr. Harper is a trained newspaper woman, who, fortunately for the public, was in Russia from the beginning of the revolution until the going out from Kansas, join the Red Cross and of Kerensky. She has a popular style of France. The middle-aged point of view is capitally given, so genially, so shrewdly. The starting out is something novel. They were out of apparently causeless processions of riots and murders. Seldom is a book saw a whole ship's company—hun-

suffragists, making fun of Mrs. Fankhurst (who once traveled with her). diting the business of the gentle art ridiculous, like "comic opera," yet admits that they are doing what they think is right. Yet this gentle lady. who believes in a woman's staying in her "sphere" goes all over the face of the earth hunting news with the very same spirit that makes a lad run away to sea. She smokes cigarettes (thinking old ladies who object silly). She runs into mobs, dodges bullets, declares in the most feminine way that she is scared to death and ready to cry, yet can't keep in the house. Nothing stops her. She ar-ranges parties for bridge (which she she assists in surgical operations gallantly, is no more "squeamish" than a man, and even learns to give a disreet blow, where needed. She does not think all the Red Cross nurses angels of some of their escapades. In short Mrs. Harper has an intense (to use a popular word), a virile enjoyment of and adventure. She can sleep on a hard bed, and live on crackers and cheese without whining like a man. And she had to endure severe hardprejudiced. Her political opinions of men and matters in Russia do not carry much weight, but her ability to draw a picture of things as they are on the outside, is striking. Here are a few citations from her book. She goes to the theater. "It seems that the chorus was on strike that night. The director of the theater had cut their salaries in two, so the chorus said if they were only paid for half their work they would only do half their work. They sang in a whisper, and only danced half the ordinary steps in their dances. In the first act there was a peasant's dance. They would dance one step, or one measure, and then stand still for one." It ended in a row. In one place, where the mob looted a hotel, she says: "Women went around gathering bits of broken plates, or anything they could lay buffalo tail to the back of his their hands on. The souvenir hunters and stuck a rooster feather in were busy and through it all the mob matted hair, he has been proud was the best-natured mob I have ever The account of the scarcity of food is terrible. White bread had al-most disappeared. We, too, know something about that. There were something about that. There were many cases in the hospitals of "men who had become drunk on eau de cologne and toilet water. Of course it used to poison them, but they did not care. Their vodka had been stopped." The hospital stories are awful. wards were filled, but still they kept coming. Some of them were badly gassed and died. Others lay for

harness it likes, after awhile, Mrs. Harper gives up the riddle of he Russian psychology, and she comments, continually, on how the people love to make and to listen to long speeches. Evidently they re think-ing; nothing proves it better than the ability to listen. This feature of this period of change resembles the religito theology by the hour and met to settings, in stupendous effects, in been cut off,

hours on the white beds coughing, coughing all the time." As a contrast:

"Occasionally the American embassy was thrown open for small receptions.

The entire American colony was

but the running away of a

many curious and interesting things god, food, in "Runaway Russia," "Runaway" taking all

to be found there not so much for the by their comrades returning to the pleasure of meeting each other as for battle front. Air raids by ni ht. slay-

"The Martial Adventures of Henry and Me." By William Allen White; Macmillan.

In this witty and intelligent war so informed with the personality of dreds of busy and successful men and women, one of scores and scores of ship's companies like it, that had been an imperialist, she is down on the days, for three years, devoted not to upon the war, not to exstill in the forties, were the oldest people on the boat, and they very much enjoyed the budding love af-fairs on deck, for wars do not stop but rather increase cupid's activities. One rich girl amused them; they called her the "Eager Soul." "It was obvious to us that she was in the war game as a bit of sport, and because it was too dull in her old home town * * * and she was looking for her own Sir Galahad, as he went up and down the earth, searching for the holy grail. The war to her, we knew, was a great opportunity to enjoy the new freedom of her sex, to lose her harem veil." Their struggles with French are droll. "Henry never was sure of anything but 'toot sweet,' and devilish perversion was forever sticking sophomore German into my mouth, when French should The German never actually broke out; if it had we should have been shot as spies. * * * This made it hard for me to shine in French." course they met the curio collector. some American boys who said the French were selling this glass from the windows of Rheims, made from old beer bottles and blue bottles, and green bitters bottles and still later we saw an English colonel found a patent medicine trade-mark blown in a piece." But this book is not only fun, though it tries to be cheerful and the two old fellows are delightful company. As they go into the war zone the cheerfulness be-comes difficult. Everything recalls suffering, even the moon. At the front they look at it. "The moon that, since man could turn his face up-ward, has been the symbol of the thing called love. • • • Men see it rise in terror, for they know that the slaughter." When the two friends put on their new uniforms the author says: "Ever since man first pinned a and stuck a rooster feather in his his uniform. Sex vanity expresses itself most gorgeously in a uniform.

And when they put Henry and Me into uniforms * * we were so proud that often five or six consecutive minof what our wives would say about the \$124 each had spent for the togs. Finally fun goes into the discard. "We were beginning to realize slowly what hell of torture and disease and

spirited steed with good blood in its food scarce and always talk of the veins. It will get tired of kicking wars of absolutely nothing but the things to pieces and will go well in a war and its horrors."

roads; fuel almost prohibitively

suffering this war means to France.

Half a million tuberculars in her

beyond the war zone: millions of sol-diers living in the homes fifty miles

back from the line, every month bringing new men to those homes left

spreading poison there;

"The Movie of the Future." (Mary Pickford in June Film Fun.) The photoplay of the future! What glorious possibilities are wrapped up in those words. What chance for infinite good for heart-warming sentiment, for inspiration of the true value

huge ensemble scenes, in the wornout term "punch" which the dramatic critics use so freely. Rather it will come from a new vision of a new art
—a vision that even now is opening out before our eyes and showing us a truer meaning for the land of the pictured play-that land that takes us away from the humdrum or the turmoil of life, whichever it may be, and gives to us a little surcease from care, puts a little more love in our hearts, makes us better citizens, better men and women, yes, and better Ameri-

Good for gentle looking little Mary

Editorial from New York Times' South America is a continent that seems to be rich in good literature, and this revival of interest in She finds the Russian women soldiers of killing, but devoted to saving the ria," perhaps its greatest need, may ridiculous, like "comic opera," yet adact as an incentive to publishers here to bring out translations of some of the best of these books, about which, strange to say, we are much more ignorant than the reading public in Eu-rope. Mr. Knopf has made a good beginning in this field by giving us a translation, in his series of famous Spanish fiction, of the well-know Chilean novel, "Martin Rivas." It is to be hoped that this kind of publica tion will not stop there. Indications are not lacking, indeed, that South America will play an Inc asingly important part in our literature. Books have been written in those republics that we ought to have—the Brazilian novel, for instance, "Innocencia," by Alfred d'Escagnolle; "Canaan, Abranha; the Colombian novel dealing with various twentieth century problems, "Pax," by Lorenzo Marro quin. Aside from the literary skill lisplayed in these books, the life that they describe is so different from the life portrayed in English and American novels that they would have for us the added charm of complete novelty. Literature seems to be a gift of the Latin temperament, and this gift has not lost its productiveness by be ing transplanted in South America

"The Waste Basket" is the sugges tive title of a new publication that has just been launched at 608 South Dearborn street, Chicago. Its subtitle is "The Magazine of Youth." and its aim is to encourage disappointed and depressed young authors whose work has not been appreciated elsewhere,

EIGHTY-TWO STARS ON ST. PETER'S SERVICE FLAG

Eighty-two young men of SS. Peter and Paul's Catholic church are in the service of their country, and a large flag, which hangs from a conspiduous place in the church, contains a star for each of them. The stars are contained in a cross, there being a row of them around the cross, with four stars each opening.

At an impressive service Sunday night, eighty-two boys and girls, dressed in white, dropped bouquets of flowers on a large American flag when the names of the young men who are doing their bit for the cause of world democracy were called out. The children came forward in couples.

Father Francis T. Sullivan preached an appropriate sermon, in which he spoke of the duty of young men homeless refugees quartered their country. There was patriotic music. At the bottom of the service fing in the homes fifty miles fing are the words "Pray for them."

MORE TROUBLE OVER WATER COMPANY CHARGE

the opportunity afforded of getting ing women and babies, commerce something good to eat." There are choked with the offering to the war clothing and munitions Another customer of the City Water taking all the space upon the railompany has been having his troubles with the company, but through the ef-forts of T. F. Mahoney, sealer of weights and measures, his water was turned on Wednesday morning. After this customer's water had been cut off at 2104 East Fourteenth street the sun of 50 cents was demanded for turning it back on. The sealer of weights and measures was appealed to, with the result that the water was soon forthcoming. The information is that the company's franchise does not Water give the right to charge 10 cents for ous ferment in Europe after the re-formation, when people could listen It will not be found in gorgeous turning water back on after it has

STATE THRIFT STAMP **CONFERENCE HERE MAY 28**

County Chairmen Will Gather to Receive New Instructions for Drive.

As the first move in preparation for national war savings day in Tennessee, June 28, State Director T. R. Preston, of the war savings committee, has called a large conference in Chattanooga of workers in the state campaign on Tuesday, May 28. It is expected that no less than 150 people will be in attendance. Sessions extending throughout the day will be held in the green parlors of the Hotel Patten, with juncheon at noon for all those here.

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The purpose of this conference is to place before county chairmen the detailed plan as adopted by National Chairman Vanderlip and his corps of state directors and approved by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, which is expected to raise pledges for the full allotments of all states in the war savings campaign in one day. The plan adopted has become known as the Nebraska plan, for the reason that it was first applied in Nebraska successfully, pledges to the amount of \$39,000,000 having been secured in that state on March 22.

Counties to be represented in the

March 22.
Counties to be represented in the Chattanooga conference are: Hamilton, James, Bradley, Polk, Monroe, McMinn, Roane, Rhea, Cumberland, Bledsoe, Franklin, Sequatchie, Marion, Grundy, Van Buren, Warren, White, Coffee, Moore, Meigs and Lincoln, From each of these will come the county chairman of the war savings organization, the vice-chairman, chairmen of women's organizations, bankers school superintendents and principals, and others who have important places in

H. O. Palmer, who was secretary of the Nebraska state organization, which originated this idea of disposing of the war savings drive at one time, and who war savings drive at one time, and who is perfectly familiar with all its details, will be a special guest of the occasion. His time will be limited here and he will be given opportunity before luncheon to place the scheme in a general way before the Tennesseans. Mr. Palmer has been taken over by the national organization and is working out of Washington under the personal direction of Chairman Vanderlin. direction of Chairman Vanderlip.

It is the tentative plan in this state to make the big drive on June 28, in accordance with the national plan. But the drive will be continued for one week, with July 4, the nation's birth-day, as the great climax. Mr. Preston hopes to have in Tennessee on the Fourth the greatest outburst of patriotism ever witnessed in the south as a result of the state having pledged to save \$46,000,000 in the daily routine expenditures of the people and to invest those savings in war savings stamps, the proceeds being for the purpose of helping finance the war. When pose of helping finance the war. When it is considered that this allotment for Tennessee of the "baby bonds" is greater than those of the first and second liberty loans combined and larger by more than a million than the subscriptions to the third loan, it will be seen that no small task has been undertaken by the war savings organiza-

Tennessee has already done as well as the average state; better than any other southern state excepting North Carolina, which during the past month has passed Tennessee in standing. The cash purchases of the stamps to date in this state have exceeded \$3,000,000 and an amount equal to that has been pledged. Nebraska has actually paid into the treasury \$19,000,000 and its en-tire quota has been pledged. This into the treasury \$19,000,000 and its en-tire quota has been pledged. This shows the effectiveness of the Ne-braska plan, no other state being able to approach it in results. "The time for consideration of the 25-cent thrift stamp for adults has passed." said Mr. Preston yesterday. "We must let the children and the war savings societies carry forward the thrift stamp idea and as grown men direct our attention. to the war savings stamp and the wa savings certificate. To raise our quota, heads of families must be brought to realize that they must hereafter raise their sights and give their pledges for purchase of the stamps in larger de

PARK M. E. CHURCH TO HAVE BOY SCOUT TROOP

At the Highland Park M. E. church, of which Rev. W. F. Ledford is pastor, a Boy Scout troop will be organized Wednesday night. Scout Executive Bachman will address the boys. The meeting begins at 8 o'clock.

GAS CONVENTION OPENS WITH BIG SESSION

Representatives From All Over South Gather to Discuss New Problems.

The tenth annual convention of the outhern Gas association held opening session in Chattanooga at the Hotel Patten Wednesday morning. President F. L. Marshall, of Augusta Ga., called the convention to order and presided over the entire session The address of welcome was made by

After the roll call and reports the president of the association made a short talk preceding a paper on "The Process of Surface Combustion," which was read by F. J. Evans. A luncheo was served at noon at the hotel, after the delegates went by mobile to Chickamauga park, Mission ary ridge and other points of interest around Chattanooga.

About one hundred delegates have

registered at the registration booth and more are expected on later trains Some of those in attendance are: C. J. Sapp, of Dayton, O. S. R. Rus-sell, St. Louis, Mo. H. D. Schall, Detroit, Mich. C. M. Crawford, Greens boro, N. C.; R. J. Roiston, Philadel. phila; G. W. Bean, Tamps, Fla.; F. G. Crenshaw, St. Louis, Mo.; J. H. ertson, Salisbury, N. C.; John F. Bary ker, Rockford; John Litzel, Birmingbam, Ala.; Mrs. C. M. Pickron, Albany, Ga.: John D. Coldwell, Asheville, N. C. E. Landess, Rristol; Edgar Morris Washington, D. C.; Edmond S. Dickey, Baltimore, Md., C. W. Wardell, Phila delphia, Pa.; Frank Cavenaugh, Baf-timore, Md. E. V. Dally, Chicago; Louis Storz, George Sligo, Atlanta, Ga.; H. D. Wilson, Wayeross, Ga.; Max D. Dexter, Columbus, Ga.; Ver-non Baker, St. Louis, Mo.: F. L. Marshall, Augusta. Ga ; J. D. Taylor, Ashe ville, N. C.; L. W. Jackson, Anniston, Ala.; S. J. Canterbury, Meridian, Miss.; T. W. Colyar, Philadedphia, Pa.; H. L. Draper, Birmingham, Ala.; I. Rawson, St. Louis; Joe Carr, Aurora III.; H. H. Richman, Philadelphia James Ferrier, Atlanta, Ga Mgson, New Jersey, Jack Little, Michigan; E. C. Falery, Davesport, In: E. Stathart, Charleston, S. C., and F. K. Spark, Chaftanooga. In the evening at 8 o'clock there will

dance at the Hotel Patten.
The closing session of the convention will be held on Thursday, for which left on her last voyage

the following program has been ar-

Convention called to order promptly at 8:30 a.m. Paper, "The Commercial Department Under War-Time Condition," Noble

Open discussion. Election of officers at 12 o'clock.

Trip to Lookout mountain at 2:30.
Automobile start from Hotel Patten.

The officers who are now in office are F. L. Marshall, of Augusta, Ga., president; M. M. Milton, Roanoke, first vice-president; L. Gaston, Knoxville, second vice-president, and M. A. Bowlin, Macon, Ga., secretary and treasure. Board of directors: C. F. Zeek, Pensacola, Fla.; R. J. Tigel Birreasure. Board of directors: C. F. Zeek, Pensacola, Fla.; R. J. Tizel, Birmingham, Ala.; T. W. Colyar, Charlotte, N. C.; C. A. Case, Texarkans, Tex.; W. F. Croston, Newport News, Va.; M. D. Dexter, Columbus, Ga.; E. S. Dickey, Baltimore, Md., and George Silgo, Atlanta, Ga.

SUIT INVOLVING LOSS OF BARGE OF STAVES

Tennessee Navigation Company Sued for Failure to Come for Load of Freight.

The declaration in the case of G. L.

Frazier and J. B. Hunt against the Tennessee River Navigation company vas filed in the circuit court Wednesday morning. The suit is for \$10,000 damages for the loss of 140,000 staves, which were washed away. The plain-tiffs claim that they were doing a general stave business under the name of Frazier & Hunt at a point on the Tennessee river. They charge that at various times when they have loaded their barges with staves they have no-tified the defendant company to send its steamboat to the point where they were and tow the barge into Chattanooga. Plaintiffs claim that on Jan. 16 they notified and, on account of the up and 140,000 staves, valued at \$10.-000, were lost, despite every effort made by plaintiffs to save them. The suit was filed through Sizer, Chambliss & Chambliss.

HOMER LAWSON TO BE **ELECTROCUTED FRIDAY**

Death Penalty to Be Meted Out to Rapist Unless Governor Exercises Clemency.

(Special to The News.) Nashville, May 22.—Hower Lawson, Knoxville, will be electrocuted Friday unless a further respite or a com-mutation of sentence to life imprisonment is granted by Gov. Rye. Lawson, who is 65 years old, was convicted of rape, the victim being a young girl. He has been granted several respites, and since the last one the governor has received several letters urging him to let the law take its course. Lawson's attorney and some friends visited the governor several days ago asking another respite, but he did not give them much encouragement. He has not definitely made up his mind on the question of commuting the sentence, however.

Two other rapists are under sentence of death—two negro boys, Williams and Alsup—convicted of a criminal assault upon a white girl in Giles county. They are scheduled to go to the elec tric chair June 4.

THREE MEN LOST IN SINKING OF TANKER

Torpedoed in European Waters May 18-11 Officers and 61 Men Land Safely.

(Associated Press.) Washington, May 22.—Three men were lost in the sinking of the American tanker William Rocke-feller, torpedoed in Europeon waters May 18, the navy depart-ment announced today. Eleven officers and sixty-one men were landed uninjured.

FORMER PREMIER ARRIVES IN CANADA

At Canadian Port.

Onternational News Service.) New York, May 22.—Former Premie terensky, of Russia, 'anadian port, according to an unvertfied but widely circulated report in marine circles here today.

PITCHED BATTLE RAGES In Moscow Between Thieves and Police.

(International News Service.) Paris, May 22.—A veritable pitched pattle is raging in the streets of Moscow between thieves and the police, according to information received here today. The police are powerless. Ten taken place in Moscow during the past month.

Wire advices report that an agree ment has been concluded between the bolshevik soviets and Germany to force the Caucasus to remain a member of the Russian federal republic. Red guard troops are marching against the Caucasians.

VON SEYDLER SAYS PEACE EFFORTS NOT HOPELESS

(Associated Press.) London, May 22.—The Breslau newssaper Volkswacht, as quoted in a Cosenhagen dispatch to the Daily Mai says Dr. Von Seydler made a visit to Prague and northern Bohemia, and in ddressing striking miners asserted that the effort for general peace which he said Emperor Charles was carrying forward incessantly was not as hope-less as many persons thought. The premier authorized control by workmen of food distribution in their own dis-tricts and promised that the question of reducing hours of labor would be taken up by the war ministry and rep resentatives of the workers

THIRTEEN MORE NAMES OF VICTIMS ON CYCLOPS

(Associated Press.)

Washington, May Zi-An additional list of thirteen men, probably lost with the naval collier Cycleps, was received today by the navy department. The announcement said that these men had be a general "get together" supper and | been transferred from other ships to the Cyclops as passengers and were presumably aboard the vessel when she

RED CROSS TOTAL NOW OVER \$93,000

Reported at Noon Today-Industrial Committee Still to Be Heard From.

TOTAL AMOUNTS REPORTED

Following is the respective amounts as reported by the chairmen of the different groups in the Red Cross drive: Bartow Strang, \$1.961.91; C. E. Bradish, \$3.110.25; T. C. Betterton, \$459.75; J. W. Bishop, \$13.276.52; D. H. Griswold, \$2,125.35; R. G. Brock, \$5,010.36; J. Read Voigt, \$3,187.45; J. F. Fonlay, \$3,649.75; W. N. Jones, \$4.746.10; G. H. Patten, \$5,988.53.

When Dr. H. M. Evans reported the total amount of \$93,113.48 today at the total amount of \$93,113.48 today at the luncheon at the Hotel Patten, the enthusiasm of the committeemen present was unbounded. This report included that of the women's division which, given in detail, was as follows: Mrs. W. E. Brock, \$740.75; Mrs. M. M. Allison, \$582,89; Mrs. Albert Sisson, \$606,70; Miss Inez Brown, \$499.68; Mrs. Earl Cook, \$1,963,05; Mrs. T. C. Betterton, \$1,244,00; Mrs. Cort, \$12,361.87; Mrs. Mansfield, \$954,95; Mrs. Durand, \$566.75. The names representing the captains of different groups,

different groups.

The total did not include that of the industrial chairman, P. J. Kruesi, who explained that the industrial districts were first organized, then vis-ited the following day for collecting the cards left the day before, there-fore it had required two trips over the chief and an account of the cards left the day before, therefore it had required two trips over the
same ground, and while his desk was
place where they had a barge load of
staves. Defendant company, it is
charged, refused to do this, and several
days later a high wind and storm came
the cards left the day before, therefore it had required two trips over the
same ground, and while his desk was
full of reports, they had not as yet
been tabulated. He further stated
that the government had offered a
diploma to the industry or industries diploma to the industry or industries that made a hundred per cent. mark, that is, that one hundred per cent, of its employes subscribed. It was stated that Mr. Vance had 500 of these 100 per cent, subscriptions on his list.

his list. Brock said that he had re-

Mr. Brock said that he had received a communication from one out of-town concern, saying that they had subscribed \$100,000 and could not subscribe any more, but gave permission for their employes to give the 100 per cent. If they desired.

In the itemized reports of the captains, T. C. Betterton reported having had subscribed \$450.75, and said in the two business blocks that his committee had canvassed, there was found only one slacker, and gave the name of a well-known young man who refused to subscribe. The name was hissed by those present. Chairman Brock said he had a telegram from State Secretary W. T. McGill, asking that the campaign go on for asking that the campaign go on for the three days, even though the amount should be raised in a shorter time. Mr. Brock said that they would continue until Thursday evening. He announced that there would be no luncheon at noon Thursday, that everybody was going to work all day. and a 6 o'clock dinner would be given at the Patten, at which time the total of all committees would be read.
It is believed that if Mr. Kruesi's

and been read, that Chattanooga's quota in the nation-wide Red Cross drive would have already been John S. Fletcher,

count for the industrial committee

speakers, stated that with few excep-tions, all appointments had been met and that there were no slackers.

TELEGRAPH OPERATORS TO STAND BY GOVERNMENT

Union Operator Says Birming ham Affair Was a Lockout.

No startling developments have followed the rumer that telegraph operators all over the country are planning to strike. In response to the interview in Tuesday's News, however, wherein A. I. Lucas, chief operator at the Western Union, referred to the recent "strike" at Hirmingham, L. W. Owen has directed a communication to The News. The writer was employed by the Postal company at Birmingham at the time referred to and declares that the operators were dis-charged simply because they held union cards and that no strike was called or contemplated. He declares that no strike is now considered in-sofar as he knows but that more than 5 per cent, of the operators are dissatisfied with present conditions but are merely asking the right to organize. His letter follows:

"Editor, Chattanooga News:
"I notice in your yesterday afternoon's edition of The News an article containing an interview with Mr. Lucas, chief operator, Western Union Telegraph company, this city, in which he refers to a recent unsuccessful strike of the Postal Telegraph company's operators at Birmingham. I wish to state that there has been no strike at Birmingham, Postal or Western Union—it was simply a lockout on the part of the company. know this to be a fact, because one of the fifty-nine operators that were discharged at Birmingham, April 29, for carrying union cards, do not know of a single operator who quit.

"I had to come to Chattanooga in search of employment myself. "I simply wish to correct this error on the part of Mr. Lucas.
"We were discharged for nothing

but belonging to the Telegraphers' Union of America, and the same thing has been done in many other cities according to newspaper reports. kindly publish this, so that the lie may know the operators are public may willing and are going to do everything for the government in this time of great peril, provided they are allowed the same privileges of other or-

ganized labor.
"Respectfully.
"(Signed) L. W. OWEN."

RAILROADS ASK FOR INCREASE OF RATES

From New Orleans and Related Points to Various Destinations Westward. (Associated Press.)

Washington, May 22.—Southern and restern railroads today applied to the interstate commerce commission for an increase in commodity rates from New Orleans and related points to various destinations in Kansas. Nebrasks, Oklahoma and southwestern Missouri. Revision is sought in the rates on denatured sicohol, lard sub-stitutes, cannel goods, cotton goods. bagging and molasses.